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SUBJECT: REMARKS BY DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH AT STATE DEPARTMENT
FOREIGN POLICY CONFERENCE FOR EDITORS AND BROADCASTERS

PLEASE SEND FULL TEXT REMARKS RELATING TO U. S. TROOP
COSTS MADE BY DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH AT SUBJECT CONFERENCE.
MATERIAL WE HAVE RECEIVED ON THE DEPUTY SECRETARY' S
REMARKS (E. G. TEXT IN WIRELESS FILE OF MARCH 30) DOES
NOT COVER THIS SUBJECT. A WASHINGTON DATELINED REUTERS
STORY OF MARCH 30 REPORTS MR. RUSH' S REMARKS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE COST OF TROOP REDUCTIONS. WASHINGTON:
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE KENNETH RUSH SAID YESTERDAY
THAT WITHDRAWING ALL U. S. FORCES FROM EUROPE COULD COST
THE UNITED STATES 1,000 MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN
MAINTAINING ITS NATO FORCES ABROAD.
SPEAKING TO A STATE DEPARTMENT FOREIGN POLICY CONFERENCE
FOR EDITORS AND BROADCASTERS, MR. RUSH NOTED SUGGESTIONS
IN THE UNITED STATES FOR UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF U. S.
FORCES FROM EUROPE. SUCH A MOVE WOULD CONVINCE U. S.
ALLIES IN EUROPE THAT THEY COULD NO LONGER COUNT ON U. S.
BACKING AND ITS NUCLEAR UMBRELLA, HE SAID. THE EUROPEANS
WOULD THEN BE COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER FOR FAVOUR FROM
THE SOVIET UNION AND U. S. INFLUENCE ON THE CONTINENT
WOULD WANE. THE TOTAL COST OF MAINTINING U. S. FORCES
IN EUROPE IS ABOUT 4,000 MILLION DOLLARS (1,632 MILLION
STERLING) ANNUALLY. IF THE UNITED STATES JUST PULLED
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OUT ALL ITS TROOPS, EQUIPMENT AND THE SIXTH FLEET FROM
THE MEDITERRANEAN THIS WOULD SAVE 400 MILLION DOLLARS,

HE SAID. BUT IF THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINED BASES OVER
THERE WITH EQUIPMENT FOR THE TROOPS TO RETURN IN AN
EMERGENCY, THE COST WOULD BE OVER 1,000 MILLION DOLLARS
MORE THAN THE CURRENT EXPENDITURE FOR THE FORCES IN
EUROPE. (REUTER). END TEXT. RUMSFELD

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